



Washington State

AMERICAN INDIAN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

2000-2001 APPLICATION INFORMATION SHEET

Please read this entire information sheet before completing the application.

➡ How does the scholarship program work?

This program provides scholarships on a competitive basis to outstanding students with close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe. Recipients are selected on the basis of academic merit and a commitment to serve the American Indian community in Washington State. Scholarships are awarded from the interest earnings of an endowment established from funds appropriated by the Washington State legislature with matching contributions from tribes, individuals, and organizations.

➡ Who qualifies for a scholarship? A person who:

- ✓ Has close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe and/or American Indian community in this state.
- ✓ Agrees to use his/her education to benefit other American Indians.
- ✓ Is a financially needy student (as determined by the college financial aid office).
- ✓ Is a resident student of Washington State.
- ✓ Is enrolled, or intends to enroll, as a **full-time student** at an eligible college or university within Washington State **by fall 2000**. (While all applicants will be considered, priority for selection will be given to upper division and graduate students.)
- ✓ Is not involved in an academic program that includes any religious worship, exercise, or instruction, or the pursuit of any degree in religious, seminarian, or theological academic studies.

➡ How do I apply for the scholarship?

- ✓ Complete the attached application form.
- ✓ Apply for state and federal need-based financial aid at the college or university you will attend this fall (the 2000-2001 academic year), if you have not already done so. Financial aid applications are available through the school's student aid office. Financial need is among the criteria for selection as a scholarship recipient.
- ✓ Prepare and attach to the application two separate statements describing: (1) your social and cultural ties to an American Indian community within Washington; and (2) how you plan to serve an American Indian community/tribe upon completion of your degree.

(see reverse for more information)

➡ How do I apply for the scholarship? (continuation from first page)

- ✓ Submit academic transcripts. If you have two or more years of college, only college transcripts are necessary. If you are an incoming college freshman or have less than two years of college, attach high school transcripts with current cumulative college transcripts if applicable.
- ✓ Obtain letters of recommendation from three or more people, ***preferably who are not members of your immediate family***. Of the three recommendations required, at least two recommendations should verify your close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe or community within the state. At least one recommendation should speak to your personal commitment to serve the American Indian community in Washington State.
- ✓ Submit all materials to the American Indian Endowed Scholarship Program, Higher Education Coordinating Board, Education Services Division. All materials should be submitted as a single, complete package and ***postmarked by June 1, 2000***.

➡ How will recipients be selected?

Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis by the Board. A committee comprised of representatives from the state's American Indian and higher education communities will review applications and select recipients. Selection will be based on academic merit and commitment to return service to the American Indian community. Priority will be given to upper division and graduate students.

➡ How much will I receive if I am selected?

Historically, the scholarships have been awards of \$1,000 each for one academic year. The scholarship amount and number of awards granted are determined each year by the program's advisory committee after a review of the interest earnings from the endowment over the previous year. In no event may a recipient's award exceed his/her financial need as calculated by the institution's student aid office. In some cases, the scholarship may be adjusted to prevent conflict with the receipt of other student financial aid grants. The recipient must be enrolled as a ***full-time*** student at a college or university in Washington State at the time of scholarship disbursement. Funds are disbursed once each academic term through the recipient's college.

Postmark your application no later than June 1, 2000.

Mail the entire application package as a single unit (including all attachments) to:

**American Indian Endowed Scholarship Program
Higher Education Coordinating Board
Education Services Division
P. O. Box 43430
Olympia, WA 98504-3430**

For additional information, please contact:

**Ann M. Lee, Program Manager
(360) 753-7843**



Washington State

**AMERICAN INDIAN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
2000-01 Application**

The completed application must be postmarked by June 1, 2000 and accompanied by:

- 1) Your statement describing your close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe and/or community in Washington State.
- 2) Your statement describing how you intend to return service to the state's American Indian community.
- 3) Three or more letters of recommendation, preferably not by immediate-family members. At least two should verify your close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe or community within the state. At least one should attest to your character and commitment to return service to the state's American Indian community.
- 4) College transcripts. If you have less than two years of college, also include your high school transcript. Official or copies of official transcripts will suffice.
- 5) The signed release of information form, as printed on this application, to verify your financial aid eligibility.

1. Name _____ 2. Social Security No. _____
Last First M.I.

3. Current Address _____
Street City State Zip

4. Phone () _____

5. Permanent Address _____
(if different) Street City State Zip

6. Phone () _____

7. Date of High School Graduation (or GED received): _____ Year _____ Month

8. Tribal Affiliation: _____
Enrolled? ☐ Yes ☐ No Membership/Enrollment # if applicable _____

9. I have been a resident of Washington, Oregon, Montana or Idaho since: Year _____ Month _____

10. Education Information. List schools in order by attendance (**most recently attended first**):

High School/College/University	City	State	From/To	Degree, If Any	Cum. GPA
_____	-	-	_____	-	-
_____	-	-	_____	-	-
_____	-	-	_____	-	-
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_____	-	-	_____	-	-

11. College you will be attending next year (2000-2001): _____

12. Class level next academic year: _____ Date of expected program completion: ____/____/____

13. Intended subject areas of study: _____

14. List major school and community activities and leadership positions. (Attach a separate sheet if necessary)

15. By my signature, I affirm that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Should I be selected to receive this scholarship, I understand that I must be enrolled and attending an eligible college or university within the state as a full-time student. Further, I certify that I will not be involved in any program that includes any religious worship, exercise, or instruction, and that I cannot be pursuing any degree in religious, seminarian, or theological academic studies.

Signature

Date

Release of Information Form

2000-2001 AMERICAN INDIAN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Financial need is one criterion used to determine your eligibility for the scholarship. All applicants must complete this Release of Information Form. This will allow the school(s)/college(s) to release financial aid, enrollment, and transcript information to the Higher Education Coordinating Board. This information will be used only to determine eligibility for the scholarship. Please return this form along with the scholarship application, statements of commitment and social/cultural ties, and letters of recommendation to the Higher Education Coordinating Board by June 1, 2000.

If you have not already done so, be sure to apply for other state and federal student financial aid. Contact the college you plan to attend for the proper application.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT:

Your Name (Please Print)

Your Social Security Number

I authorize:

}
[Name all school(s)
listed on lines #10 and
#11 of this application,
including the 2000-2001
academic year. *]

to release all necessary information about my schooling to assist the Higher Education Coordinating Board in their administration of the American Indian Endowed Scholarship program. This includes all demographic, enrollment, academic transcript, and student aid information.

Your Signature

Date

* **List all schools, including your high school if college experience is less than two years.**

(See reverse for more information)

APPLICANT CHECKLIST:

I have included:

- | | |
|--|---|
| _____ Completed application form | _____ Recommendations (3 minimum; see below): |
| _____ My personal statements (2 separate): | * Social & cultural ties (at least two letters) |
| * Statement of social & cultural ties | * Commitment to return service
(at least one letter) |
| * Statement of commitment to service | _____ Signed release of information form |
| _____ Transcript(s) | |

(NOTE: Incomplete application packages will not be considered.)

Mail the completed application packet (together with all attachments) to:

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Education Services Division
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Olympia, WA 98504-3430

Any questions may be addressed to:

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***For scholarship consideration, postmark application by June 1, 2000.
Late apps, or those received incomplete, will not be considered.***